# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
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FUNDING BY NABARD IN RIDF
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

the amount invested by NABARD in RIOF projects in the State of West Bengal in Ninth Five Year Plan period upto date;

(b)whether there is long delay in implementing projects by NABARD in RIDF in West Bengal;

(c)if so, the reasons for delay; and

(d)the steps taken by the NABARD to expedite the implementation of projects in the State?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): The amount sanctioned by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) out of Rural h1frastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to the State of West Bengal in Ninth Plan period is given below:

| Year | Amount (Rs. in Crore) |
|---|---|
| 1997-1998 | 173.55 |
| 1998-99 | 214.32 |
| 1999-2000 | 222.29 |
| 2000-2001 | 402.25 |
| TOTAL | 1041.41 |

(b) & (d: NABARD has reported that the projects sanctioned with financial assistance under RIDF are being implemented by State Government departments and Zilla Parishad. Hence delay in implerneptation by NABARD does not arise. However, as reported by NABARD there is some delay in implementing projects sanctioned under RIDF by the State Government in West Bengal The reasons for delay( inter-alia, are such as delay in communicating the details of sanction of projects to the district implementing agencies, deviations from the sanctioned items of works, land acquisition problem, delay in lending, fund flow problem, budgetary gap for execution of works, delays due to change in implementing agencies, etc.

(d) NABARD has a mechanism for monitoring of RIDF projects sanctioned by it. Lapses identified during monitoring -are being taker up in high power committee meetings chaired by State Finance Minister for quick redressal.